THE SEVENTH DAY.

19th February 1917.

The Assembly met at 11-30 A. M., on Monday, the 19th February 1917.

91. Need for certain public works in the town of Parur.

Revd. Fr. Paul A. George (Member, T. I. C., Parur) referred to the urgent necessity for the following public works in the town of Parur and prayed for their early execution :—

(1) The construction of a bridge over the Palathunkal ferry to the west of the local Kottekavu Syrian Catholic Church.

The Member pointed out that the ferry was crossed daily by thousands of people and over 700 school-children and that the place was dangerous, especially during the monsoons.

(2) Gravelling and making cartable the branch roads from the Parur-Alwaye road that passed through the thoroughfares of the town.

(3) The repair of the road branching off from the Parur-Alwaye road to Mannam.

(4) Provision of a boat-basin for the Parur market.

(5) Provision of two more public tanks as the existing tanks were not accessible to all classes of people.

(6) Opening a few small canals in the interior of the town, in consultation with the T. I. C. or the D. P. W., for purposes of drainage.

In conclusion, the Member said that the period for which the annual grant of Rs. 500 was guaranteed to the minor T. I. C's of the State, including Parur, was drawing to a close and he prayed that the same should be continued for another period, if it was not possible to increase it.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

92. Improvement of certain roads in the Peermade taluk.

Mr. Mathai Thomo (Member, Peermade taluk) referred to the following roads in the taluk: —

1. The 6 ft. trace from Kanjirappalli to Elikulam through Thampalakat.

The above road was opened by the Government in 1066 during the administration of Dewan Rama Rao. In 1087, the then Superintendent of the Devicolam Division recommended the conversion of the above road into a cartable one. The people succeeded in making the portion from Kanjirappalli to Thampalakat, a distance of 4 miles, cartable. Thampalakat was an important place and had more than 700 houses besides two Hindu temples, a Christian church and a L. G. E. School. The Member, therefore, prayed that the road might be made cartable at an early date.

2. Kanjirappalli-Edakunnom Road.

3. Valakayam-Peruthode road.

The Member prayed that the two latter roads might also be made cartable and added that the last road would prove useful to the numerous pilgrims going to Sabarimala annually and certain Estate owners.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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